



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Viatcheslav V. Kovtoun

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Title: CONTROLLING ION POPULATIONS IN A MASS ANALYZER

HAVING A PULSED ION SOURCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.